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**HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
HEARING DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2013**

TESTIMONY BY UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS

**Re: RESOLUTION 13-19 – CONFIRMATION OF MARK K. RIGG FOR
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

The UPW strongly supports the confirmation of Mark K. Rigg as the Director of Emergency Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

Mr. Rigg has countless years of experience working in the Emergency Medical Services field, giving him a wealth of knowledge to execute the responsibilities as Director. His leadership skills will allow this department to function efficiently and effectively. I believe he possesses the right qualities to work well with those in and outside of the department, creating a benefit for all parties involved.

After your full consideration of Mr. Rigg's background, character, experience and qualifications, I ask that the City and County of Honolulu find Mr. Mark K. Rigg qualified for the appointment and recommend that the City and County confirm his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.